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SUBJ: COIR INTERNATIONAL

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1. WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED COIT INTERNATIONAL, COMMERCE DIRECTOR J.R. SAMARANAYAKE TOLD EMBOFF THA S THERE WAS A BASIC CONFLICT BETWEEN SRI LANKA, WHICH EXPORTS RAW FIBER, AND INDIA, WHICH EXPORTS MOSTLY FINISHED COIR PRODUCTS. SAMAR-ANAYAKE SAID COIR INTERNATIONAL WOULD PROMOTE FINISHED PRO-DUCTS RATHER THAN THE RAW MATERIAL, AND HE WAS SKEPTICAL OF THE VALUE SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WOULD HAVE FOR SRI LANKA. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) DID NOT YET HAVE FORMAL POSITION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COIR INTERNATIONAL.

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2. A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE MINI-STRY OF PLANTATIONS INDUSTRIES, BRADMAN WEERAKOON, CONFIRMED THE LACK OF A GSL CONSENSUS. WEERAKOON WAS MORE POSITIVE THAN SAMARANAYAKE REGARDING SRI LANKAN PARTICIPATION IN COIR INTERNATIONAL. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT COIR INTERNATIONAL WAS ORIENTED TOWARD FINISHED PRODUCTS, HE FELT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ADVANTAGE IN SRI LANKA STAYING OUT OF THE AGREE-

MENT. ONCE A MEMBER, SRI LANKA WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO MAKE COIL INTERNATIONAL MORE HELPFUL TO RAW FIBER PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: THE LACK OF CONSENSUS ON COIR INTERNATIONAL IS TYPICAL OF THE CURRENT ABSENCE OF FIRM POLICY DIRECTION ON COMMODITIES IN GENERAL. SINCE THE JULY 1977 CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT, POLICY FORMULATION ON COMMODITIES SEEMS TO BE UNCOORDINATED AND DRIFTING. SEPTEL ON THIS SUBJECT IS IN PREPARATION.
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